

Amendment: D17

Representative WHITMIRE proposes the following amendment:

Department of Education-EIA

Amend:

1A.36. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) The projected Southeastern average teacher salary shall be the average of the average teachers' salaries of the southeastern states as projected by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. For the current school year the Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be \$52,152 ~~\$52,152~~ **\$52,830**. The General Assembly remains desirous of raising the average teacher salary in South Carolina through incremental increases over the next few years so as to make such equivalent to the national average teacher salary.

~~—The statewide minimum teacher salary schedule used in Fiscal Year 2017-18 will continue to be used in Fiscal Year 2018-19 and the starting salary shall be increased to \$32,000 with the remaining salary schedule increased by one percent.~~

Additionally, for the current fiscal year, a local school district board of trustees must increase the salary compensation for all eligible certified teachers employed by the district by no less than one year of experience credit using the district salary schedule utilized the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the step. Application of this provision must be applied uniformly for all eligible certified teachers. For Fiscal Year ~~2018-19~~ **2019-20**, the requirement that school districts maintain local salary supplements per teacher no less than their prior fiscal year level is suspended if additional State funds fill the gap.

Funds ***allocated by Proviso 1.3 for implementing a revised state minimum salary schedule*** ~~appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.C.2.~~ for Teacher Salaries must be used to increase salaries of those teachers eligible pursuant to Section 59-20-50(4)(b), to include classroom teachers, librarians, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, school nurses, orientation/mobility instructors, and audiologists in the school districts of the state.

For purposes of this provision teachers shall be defined by the Department of Education using the Professional Certified Staff (PCS) System.